

Old Hills Malvern Churches

Suggested Common Worship Bible readings

Psalm 1, Acts 1:15-17.21-end, 1John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

Intercessions for Easter 7 – May 16th 2021 (Sunday after The Ascension)

Everlasting God Your son Jesus' Ascension into heaven marked the culmination of the Paschal Mystery. May we live life in the same way as his disciples did at that time, knowing no sense of abandonment but patiently awaiting the promised gift of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Holy God we thank you for our churches and those that pastor and minister to us all. We pray too for our relationship with Churches across Malvern and the Upton and Malvern CoE Deanery. We give thanks those leading prayer on Zoom across the Thy Kingdom Come season and throughout Christian Aid week.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God help the people of your world make the best use of science and technology in order to achieve a better life on this planet. Protect people of third world countries from being exploited and underpaid for their labour just so that we can enjoy cheap luxury goods at their expense. We especially pray for the fair distribution of the Coronavirus vaccine to the whole needy world.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God your Son remained with his disciples after his resurrection, teaching them to love all people as neighbours. Thank you for our families, friends and fellow Christians and for the people with whom we work or share our daily lives. We pray for those who are lonely, those isolated because of age or ill-health, those that upset or irritate us, and those who find it difficult to make friends or be accepted.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Loving God we remember this morning those who are sick, sad or lonely and those who are brave and patient when things are going wrong. We pray that they may be aware of your comforting presence and know that in your hands they are safe and loved.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Heavenly Father, we raise before you all who have died and who are now with your ascended Son Jesus Christ. We pray for those who have recently died, for their resurrection into Your kingdom and for those whose anniversary falls at this time. We especially pray for.....

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Everlasting God open our eyes to see You acting in our lives and our hearts to understand not only what you do for us but what you call us to do to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Merciful Father: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

REMEMBER

Each night at 6pm on Zoom (see Headlines for the separate Zoom link and codes), there is a short prayer session lead by a minister from across Churches Together in Malvern to mark the period between Ascension and Pentecost - a season that is called *Thy Kingdom Come*